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SUBJECT: SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY GRUNENBERG VISIT TO U.S.

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1. SPD BUNDESTAG DEPUTY HORST GRUNENBERG MET MARCH 15 WITH EMBOFFS TO DISCUSS HIS APRIL 20-MAY 2 VISIT TO THE U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOS CONFERENCE. GRUNENBERG EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN OF THE HOUSE MARITIME COMMISSION HAD INVITED HIM TO MEET WITH MEMBERS OF HER COMMITTEE THAT WILL BE INVOLVED WITH THE NEW YORK MEETING. HE HOPES THE DEPARTMENT CAN ASSIST HIM IN ARRANGING PART OF HIS SCHEDULE.

2. THE BREMERHAVEN BUNDESTAG DEPUTY WILL BE COMING TO THE U.S. FOR THE FIRST TIME. LAST WEEK THE SPD FRAKTION NAMED HIM LEADER OF A SPECIAL TASK FORCE ESTABLISHED TO DEAL WITH LOS AND MADE UP OF EIGHT SPD DEPUTIES, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BUNDESTAG DEFENSE COMMITTEE, THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE INNER-GERMAN COMMITTEE. HE WILL THEREFORE BE PARTICIPATING BEHIND-THE-SCENES IN NEW YORK WITH THE APPROVAL OF FRAKTION CHIEF WEHNER. GRUNENBERG ALSO WILL STOP ENROUTE IN REYKJAVIK FOR TWO
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DAYS, SO THAT, WITH PERSONAL FRIENDS BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE ITS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, HE CAN TAKE FURTHER SOUND-

INGS ON THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY OF ICELAND'S FISHING
CONTROVERSY (HE PLAYED A ROLE IN THE "PERSONAL
DIPLOMACY" WHICH LED TO THE SUCCESSFUL FRG-ICELAND
FISHERIES AGREEMENT LAST YEAR).

3. GRUNENBERG BELIEVES IT WILL PROBABLY BE BEST FOR HIM
TO PASS THE FIRST FEW DAYS WITH THE FRG DELEGATION TO
THE LOS CONFERENCE. HE THEN ENVISIONS A STAY IN
WASHINGTON OF ABOUT A WEEK (APRIL 25 - MAY 1) DURING
WHICH TIME HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL
COUNTERPARTS AND ALSO TO DISCUSS HIS LOS AND ICELAND
VIEWS INFORMALLY WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.
IN PARTICULAR, GRUNENBERG DESIRES TO MEET WITH THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE FISHERIES SUBCOMMITTEE (LEGGETT) AND OF
THE COAST GUARD SUBCOMMITTEE (BIAGGI) OR DESIGNATED
REPRESENTATIVES. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH
CONGRESSMEN STUDDS (MASS.), EMERY (MAINE), AND YOUNG
(ALASKA) FROM THE MARITIME COMMITTEE, IF POSSIBLE.
GRUNENBERG WOULD BE HAPPY TO REARRANGE THE WASHINGTON-
NEW YORK PORTIONS OF HIS VISIT SO AS TO FIT THE DESIRES
OF HIS CONGRESSIONAL COUNTERPARTS.

4. THE EMBASSY FEELS IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IF THE
DEPARTMENT COULD ASSIST IN ARRANGING THE WASHINGTON
PORTION OF GRUNENBERG'S TRIP. HE HAS TAKEN A SPECIAL
INTEREST IN BOTH THE LOS AND ICELAND QUESTIONS AND HAS
PET THEORIES ON BOTH POINTS THAT EVOLVE FROM HIS
ADVOCACY OF THE VALUE OF PERSONAL DIPLOMACY. HE WILL
PROBABLY ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS AN IDEA ON THE ROLE OF THE
EC IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, THAT HAS BEEN FORMULATED FOR
HIM BY AN SPD STAFF SPECIALIST ON THE LOS TEMPORARILY
ASSIGNED TO HIS OFFICE, CHRISTIAN SCHLUPP, WHO MAY
ACCOMPANY HIM ON THE TRIP. SEPARATELY, GRUNENBERG
WILL BE CONTACTING THE FRG MISSIONS AT THE UN AND IN
WASHINGTON ABOUT HIS PLANS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: IN VIEW OF THE EASTER CONGRES-
SIONAL RECESS, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE AN EARLY
READING FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THE FEASIBILITY OF
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GRUNENBERG'S ITINERARY AS PRESENTLY ENVISIONED.
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